

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete list of the claims. This listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A character-string information output apparatus for outputting character-string information supported by a predetermined character encoding scheme, comprising:

search means for searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, [[when]] in a case where it is instructed to output [[of]] the character-string information ~~is instructed~~;

extraction means for extracting the character encoding scheme interpretable by said character-string information output apparatus from the character encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched by said search means; and

character-string information output means for outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A character-string information output apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

font information search means for searching font information corresponding to the character string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, wherein

said character-string information output means outputs the character-string information based on the searched font information.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A character-string information output apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said character-string information output means outputs the character-string information supported by the character encoding scheme capable of responding to only a limited language and the character-string information supported by the character encoding scheme capable of responding to a plurality of languages.

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Claim 4 (previously presented): A character-string information output apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said character-string information output means automatically selects the character encoding scheme extracted by said extraction means and outputs the character-string information supported by the selected character encoding scheme.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A character-string information output apparatus according to claim 2, wherein if said character-string information output apparatus does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output means outputs the character-string information by using another font information.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A character-string information output apparatus according to claim 2, wherein if said character-string information output apparatus does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information

supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output means does not output the character-string information.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A character-string information output system provided with a character-string information recording apparatus and a character-string information output apparatus, wherein

said character-string information recording apparatus comprises:

analyzing means for analyzing a plurality of different character encoding schemes supporting character-string information having contents identical with contents of inputted character-string information; and

recording means for recording the character-string information supported by the plurality of the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory, and

said character-string information output apparatus comprises:

search means for searching, from the external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by the plurality of different character encoding schemes, [[when]] in a case where it is instructed to output [[of]] the character-string information ~~is instructed~~;

extraction means for extracting the character encoding scheme interpretable by said character-string information output apparatus from the character encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched by said search means; and

character-string information output means for outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A character-string information output method comprising the steps of:

- analyzing a plurality of different character encoding schemes supporting character-string information having contents identical with contents of inputted character-string information;
- recording the character-string information supported by the plurality of the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory;
- searching, from the external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by the plurality of different character encoding schemes, [[when]] in a case where it is instructed to output [[of]] the character-string information ~~is instructed~~;
- extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched in said search step; and
- outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A storage medium in which a computer-readable program is stored, wherein said program comprises the steps of:

- analyzing a plurality of different character encoding schemes supporting character-string information having contents identical with contents of inputted character-string information;
- recording the character-string information supported by the plurality of the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory;

searching, from the external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by the plurality of different character encoding schemes, [[when]] in a case where it is instructed to output [[of]] the character-string information ~~is instructed~~;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched in said search step; and

outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme.

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Claim 10 (currently amended): A character-string information recording apparatus for recording inputted character-string information by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, comprising:

analyzing means for analyzing a plurality of different character encoding schemes supporting character-string information having contents identical with contents of inputted character-string information; and

recording means for recording the character-string information supported by the plurality of the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory.

Claims 11-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A character-string information output method for outputting character-string information being supported by a predetermined character encoding scheme, comprising the steps of:

searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, ~~[[when]]~~ in a case where it is instructed to output ~~[[of]]~~ the character-string information ~~is instructed~~;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the searched character-string information; and

outputting the character string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A storage medium in which a computer-readable program is stored, wherein said program comprises the steps of:

searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, ~~[[when]]~~ in a case where it is instructed to output ~~[[of]]~~ the character-string information ~~is instructed~~;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the searched character-string information; and

outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A character-string information recording method of recording inputted character-string information by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, comprising the steps of:

analyzing the plurality of different character encoding schemes
supporting character-string information having contents identical with contents of the
inputted character-string information; and
recording the character-string information supported by the plurality
of the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory.

01 Claim 22 (currently amended): A storage medium in which a computer-
readable program is stored, wherein said program comprises the steps of:

analyzing a plurality of different character encoding schemes
supporting character-string information having contents identical with contents of inputted
character-string information; and
recording the character-string information supported by the plurality
of the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory.
